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**Public Act No. 14-90**

**AN ACT CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION OF STATE GRANT COMMITMENTS FOR SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS AND CONCERNING CHANGES TO THE STATUTES CONCERNING SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Administrative Services, having reviewed applications for state grants for public school building projects in accordance with section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, on the basis of priorities for such projects and standards for school construction established by the State Board of Education, and having prepared a listing of all such eligible projects ranked in order of priority, including a separate schedule of previously authorized projects which have changed substantially in scope or cost, as determined by said commissioner together with the amount of the estimated grant with respect to each eligible project, and having submitted such listing of eligible projects, prior to December 15, 2013, to a committee of the General Assembly established under section 10-283a of the general statutes for the purpose of reviewing such listing, is hereby authorized to enter into grant commitments on behalf of the state in accordance with said section 10-283 with respect to the priority listing of such projects and in such estimated amounts as approved by said committee prior to

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February 1, 2014, as follows:

(1) Estimated Grant Commitments.

School District School Project Number	Estimated Project Costs	Estimated Grant
DANBURY Mill Ridge Intermediate School 034-0138 EA/RR	\$18,608,903	\$11,762,688
DANBURY Park Avenue School 034-0139 EA	12,217,578	7,722,731
DANBURY Shelter Rock School 034-0140 EA	5,650,019	3,571,377
DANBURY Stadley Rough School 034-0141 EA	5,367,422	3,392,747
FAIRFIELD Riverfield School 051-0125 EA	14,485,766	3,828,588
FAIRFIELD Fairfield Ludlowe High School 051-0127 EA/EC/RR	11,630,700	3,073,994
NEW BRITAIN Gaffney School 089-0167 EA	30,000,000	23,787,000
WEST HARTFORD Charter Oak International Academy 155-0239 DV/N	43,274,807	34,619,846

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EAST HAMPTON East Hampton High School 042-0041 EA/RR	51,695,000	27,139,875
NEWINGTON Martin Kellogg Middle School 094-0101 A	1,000,000	589,300
NEWINGTON John Wallace Middle School 094-0102 A	1,000,000	589,300
NEWINGTON Newington High School 094-0103 EA	1,500,000	883,950
PUTNAM Putnam High School 116-0019 EA/RR	33,421,159	24,467,631
STAMFORD Northeast School 135-0273 A/EC	3,500,000	987,350
REGIONAL DISTRICT 14 Nonnewaug High School 214-0093 EA	63,820,605	30,544,542
FAIRFIELD Osborn Hill School 051-0126 EA/EC	3,374,400	891,854
PUTNAM Central Administration (Putnam H.S.) 116-0020 BE/A/RR	3,188,841	1,167,275
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Toquam School 135-0274 A/RR	2,550,000	719,355
STAMFORD		
Westhill High School 135-0275 A/EC	2,075,000	585,358
TORRINGTON		
Forbes School 143-0070 EC	300,000	225,000
WETHERSFIELD		
Central Administration (Wethersfield H.S.) 159-0102 BE/A/RNV	652,065	165,331

(2) Previously Authorized Projects That Have Changed Substantially in Scope or Cost which are Seeking First Reauthorization.

School District School Project Number	Authorized	Requested
BERLIN		
Berlin High School 007-0065 RNV/E		
Estimated...		
Total Project Costs	\$69,950,000	\$83,464,987
Total Grant	\$32,974,430	\$39,345,395
BRIDGEPORT		
Dunbar School 015-0171 A/EC		
Estimated...		
Total Project Costs	\$8,807,099	\$8,807,099
Total Grant	\$6,888,032	\$6,888,032

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NEW HAVEN  
UNH Science & Engineering Magnet  
093-0357 MAG/N/PS

Estimated...		
Total Project Costs	\$59,500,000	\$85,500,000
Total Grant	\$56,525,000	\$81,255,000

WESTON  
Weston Middle School  
157-0053 EC

Estimated...		
Total Project Costs	\$1,395,150	\$2,458,375
Total Grant	\$298,981	\$526,830

REGIONAL DISTRICT 18  
Mile Creek School  
218-0037 EC

Estimated...		
Total Project Costs	\$597,900	\$965,550
Total Grant	\$209,265	\$337,943

CREC  
Academy of Aerospace  
241-0099 MAG/PF/EA

Estimated...		
Total Project Costs	\$72,993,000	\$81,873,481
Total Grant	\$69,343,350	\$77,779,807

(3) Previously Authorized Project For The Technical High School System That Has Changed Substantially in Scope or Cost which is Seeking Reauthorization.

School District	Authorized	Requested
School		

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Project Number

CTHSS (ANSONIA)  
Emmett O'Brien  
900-0012 VT/EA

Estimated...		
Total Project Costs	\$ 77,746,501	\$ 94,315,000
Total Grant	\$ 77,746,501	\$ 94,315,000

CTHSS (MILFORD)  
Platt  
900-0013 VT/EA

Estimated...		
Total Projects Costs	\$57,886,000	\$124,566,000
Total Grant	\$57,886,000	\$124,566,000

CTHSS (GROTON)  
Ella T. Grasso  
900-0014 VT/EA

Estimated...		
Total Projects Costs	\$61,479,000	\$134,913,000
Total Grant	\$61,479,000	\$134,913,000

Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 10-292r of the 2014 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) There is established a School Safety Infrastructure Council. The council shall consist of: (1) The Commissioner of Administrative Services, or the commissioner's designee; (2) the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, or the commissioner's designee; (3) the Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee; (4) one appointed by the president pro tempore of the

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Senate, who shall be a person with expertise in building security, preferably school building security; (5) one appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, who shall be a licensed professional engineer who is a structural engineer; (6) one appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be a public school administrator certified by the State Board of Education; (7) one appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives, who shall be a firefighter, emergency medical technician or a paramedic; (8) one appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be a school resource officer; [and] (9) one appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives, who shall be a public school teacher certified by the State Board of Education; and (10) one appointed by the Governor, who shall be a licensed building official. The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall serve as the chairperson of the council. The administrative staff of the Department of Administrative Services shall serve as staff for the council and assist with all ministerial duties.

Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 10-284 of the 2014 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

(a) The Commissioner of Education shall have authority to receive and review applications for state grants under this chapter, and the Commissioner of Administrative Services shall have authority to review and approve any such application, or to disapprove any such application if (1) it does not comply with the requirements of the State Fire Marshal or the Department of Public Health, (2) it is not accompanied by a life-cycle cost analysis approved by the Commissioner of Administrative Services pursuant to section 16a-38, (3) it does not comply with the provisions of sections 10-290d and 10-291, as amended by this act, (4) it does not meet (A) the standards or requirements established in regulations adopted in accordance with

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section 10-287c, or (B) school building categorization requirements described in section 10-283, as amended by this act, (5) the estimated construction cost exceeds the per square foot cost for schools established in regulations adopted by the Commissioner of Administrative Services for the county in which the project is proposed to be located, (6) on and after July 1, 2014, the application does not comply with the school safety infrastructure standards developed by the School Safety Infrastructure Council, pursuant to section 10-292r, as amended by this act, except the Commissioner of Administrative Services may waive any of the provisions of the school safety infrastructure standards if the commissioner determines that the application demonstrates that the applicant has made a good faith effort to address such standards and that compliance with such standards would be infeasible, unreasonable or excessively expensive, or (7) the Commissioner of Education determines that the proposed educational specifications for or theme of the project for which the applicant requests a state grant duplicates a program offered by a technical high school or an interdistrict magnet school in the same region.

Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2014*) The Commissioner of Administrative Services may require any town or regional board of education applying for a grant for a school building project, pursuant to chapter 173 of the general statutes, to conduct a safety assessment of the school building project to measure compliance with the school safety infrastructure standards, established pursuant to section 10-292r of the general statutes, as amended by this act. Such town or regional board of education shall use an assessment tool designated by the commissioner or an alternative assessment tool that provides a comparable safety and security assessment of the project, as determined by the commissioner.

Sec. 5. Subdivision (3) of section 10-282 of the general statutes is

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repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

(3) "School building project", except as used in section 10-289, means (A) the construction, purchase, extension, replacement, renovation or major alteration of a building to be used for public school purposes, including the equipping and furnishing of any such construction, purchase, extension, replacement, renovation or major alteration, the improvement of land therefor, or the improvement of the site of an existing building for public school purposes, but shall not include the cost of a site, except as provided in subsection (b) of section 10-286d; (B) the construction and equipping and furnishing of any such construction of any building which the towns of Norwich, Winchester and Woodstock may provide by lease or otherwise for use by the Norwich Free Academy, Gilbert School and Woodstock Academy, respectively, in furnishing education for public school pupils under the provisions of section 10-34; and (C) the addition to, renovation of and equipping and furnishing of any such addition to or renovation of any building which may be leased, upon the approval of the Commissioner of Education or the Commissioner of Administrative Services, to any local or regional board of education for a term of twenty years or more for use by such local or regional board in furnishing education of public school pupils;

Sec. 6. Subsection (a) of section 10-283 of the 2014 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

(a) (1) Each town or regional school district shall be eligible to apply for and accept grants for a school building project as provided in this chapter. Any town desiring a grant for a public school building project may, by vote of its legislative body, authorize the board of education of such town to apply to the Commissioner of [Education] Administrative Services and to accept or reject such grant for the town.

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Any regional school board may vote to authorize the supervising agent of the regional school district to apply to the Commissioner of [Education] Administrative Services for and to accept or reject such grant for the district. Applications for such grants under this chapter shall be made by the superintendent of schools of such town or regional school district on the form provided and in the manner prescribed by the Commissioner of Administrative Services. The application form shall require the superintendent of schools to affirm that the school district considered the maximization of natural light, the use and feasibility of wireless connectivity technology and, on and after July 1, 2014, the school safety infrastructure standards, developed by the School Safety Infrastructure Council, pursuant to section 10-292r, as amended by this act, in projects for new construction and alteration or renovation of a school building. The Commissioner of [Education] Administrative Services shall review each grant application for a school building project for compliance with educational requirements and on the basis of categories for building projects established by the [State Board of Education] Commissioner of Administrative Services in accordance with this section. [, and] The Commissioner of Education shall evaluate, if appropriate, whether the project will assist the state in meeting the goals of the 2008 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al. [, provided] The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall consult with the Commissioner of Education in reviewing grant applications submitted for purposes of subsection (a) of section 10-65 or section 10-76e [shall be reviewed annually by the commissioner] on the basis of the educational needs of the applicant. [The Commissioner of Education shall forward each application and the category that the Commissioner of Education has assigned to each such project in accordance with subdivision (2) of this subsection to the Commissioner of Administrative Services not later than August thirty-first of each fiscal year.] The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall review each grant application for a school building project for compliance with

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standards for school building projects pursuant to regulations, adopted in accordance with section 10-287c, and, on and after July 1, 2014, the school safety infrastructure standards, developed by the School Safety Infrastructure Council pursuant to section 10-292r, as amended by this act. Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges on behalf of Quinebaug Valley Community College and Three Rivers Community College and the following entities that will operate an interdistrict magnet school that will assist the state in meeting the goals of the 2008 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as determined by the Commissioner of Education, may apply for and shall be eligible to receive grants for school building projects pursuant to section 10-264h for such a school: (A) The Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges on behalf of a regional community-technical college, (B) the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System on behalf of a state university, (C) the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut on behalf of the university, (D) the board of governors for an independent college or university, as defined in section 10a-37, or the equivalent of such a board, on behalf of the independent college or university, (E) cooperative arrangements pursuant to section 10-158a, and (F) any other third-party not-for-profit corporation approved by the Commissioner of Education.

(2) The Commissioner of Education shall assign each school building project to a category on the basis of whether such project is primarily required to: (A) Create new facilities or alter existing facilities to provide for mandatory instructional programs pursuant to this chapter, for physical education facilities in compliance with Title IX of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1972 where such programs or such compliance cannot be provided within existing facilities or for the correction of code violations which cannot be reasonably addressed within existing program space; (B) create new

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facilities or alter existing facilities to enhance mandatory instructional programs pursuant to this chapter or provide comparable facilities among schools to all students at the same grade level or levels within the school district unless such project is otherwise explicitly included in another category pursuant to this section; and (C) create new facilities or alter existing facilities to provide supportive services, provided in no event shall such supportive services include swimming pools, auditoriums, outdoor athletic facilities, tennis courts, elementary school playgrounds, site improvement or garages or storage, parking or general recreation areas. All applications submitted prior to July first shall be reviewed promptly by [the Commissioner of Education, who shall forward such application to the] Commissioner of Administrative Services. The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall estimate the amount of the grant for which such project is eligible, in accordance with the provisions of section 10-285a, as amended by this act, provided an application for a school building project determined by the Commissioner of Education to be a project that will assist the state in meeting the goals of the 2008 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., shall have until September first to submit an application for such a project and may have until December first of the same year to secure and report all local and state approvals required to complete the grant application. The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall annually prepare a listing of all such eligible school building projects listed by category together with the amount of the estimated grants for such projects and shall submit the same to the Governor, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and the General Assembly on or before the fifteenth day of December, except as provided in section 10-283a, with a request for authorization to enter into grant commitments. On or before December thirty-first annually, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall submit comments and recommendations regarding each eligible project on such listing of eligible school building projects to the school construction committee, established

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pursuant to section 10-283a. Each such listing submitted after December 15, 2005, until December 15, 2010, inclusive, shall include a separate schedule of authorized projects which have changed in scope or cost to a degree determined by the Commissioner of Education once, and a separate schedule of authorized projects which have changed in scope or cost to a degree determined by said commissioner twice. Any such listing submitted after December 15, 2010, until December 15, 2011, inclusive, shall include a separate schedule of authorized projects which have changed in scope or cost to a degree determined by the Commissioner of Administrative Services once, and a separate schedule of authorized projects which have changed in scope or cost to a degree determined by said commissioner twice. [On and after] For the period beginning July 1, 2011, and ending December 31, 2013, each such listing shall include a report on the review conducted by the Commissioner of Education of the enrollment projections for each such eligible project. On and after January 1, 2014, each such listing shall include a report on the review conducted by the Commissioner of Administrative Services of the enrollment projections for each such eligible project. For the period beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2012, no project, other than a project for a technical high school, may appear on the separate schedule of authorized projects which have changed in cost more than twice. On and after July 1, 2012, no project, other than a project for a technical high school, may appear on the separate schedule of authorized projects which have changed in cost more than once, except the Commissioner of Administrative Services may allow a project to appear on such separate schedule of authorized projects a second time if the town or regional school district for such project can demonstrate that exigent circumstances require such project to appear a second time on such separate schedule of authorized projects. Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, no projects which have changed in scope or cost to the degree determined by the Commissioner of Administrative Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Education, shall be

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eligible for reimbursement under this chapter unless it appears on such list. The percentage determined pursuant to section 10-285a, as amended by this act, at the time a school building project on such schedule was originally authorized shall be used for purposes of the grant for such project. On and after July 1, 2006, a project that was not previously authorized as an interdistrict magnet school shall not receive a higher percentage for reimbursement than that determined pursuant to section 10-285a, as amended by this act, at the time a school building project on such schedule was originally authorized. The General Assembly shall annually authorize the Commissioner of Administrative Services to enter into grant commitments on behalf of the state in accordance with the commissioner's categorized listing for such projects as the General Assembly shall determine. The Commissioner of Administrative Services may not enter into any such grant commitments except pursuant to such legislative authorization. Any regional school district which assumes the responsibility for completion of a public school building project shall be eligible for a grant pursuant to subdivision (5) or (6), as the case may be, of subsection (a) of section 10-286, as amended by this act, when such project is completed and accepted by such regional school district.

(3) (A) All final calculations completed by the Department of Administrative Services for school building projects shall include a computation of the state grant for the school building project amortized on a straight line basis over a twenty-year period for school building projects with costs equal to or greater than two million dollars and over a ten-year period for school building projects with costs less than two million dollars. Any town or regional school district which abandons, sells, leases, demolishes or otherwise redirects the use of such a school building project to other than a public school use during such amortization period shall refund to the state the unamortized balance of the state grant remaining as of the date the abandonment, sale, lease, demolition or redirection occurs. The amortization period

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for a project shall begin on the date the project was accepted as complete by the local or regional board of education. A town or regional school district required to make a refund to the state pursuant to this subdivision may request forgiveness of such refund if the building is redirected for public use. The Department of Administrative Services shall include as an addendum to the annual school construction priority list all those towns requesting forgiveness. General Assembly approval of the priority list containing such request shall constitute approval of such request. This subdivision shall not apply to projects to correct safety, health and other code violations or to remedy certified school indoor air quality emergencies approved pursuant to subsection (b) of this section or projects subject to the provisions of section 10-285c.

(B) Any moneys refunded to the state pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this subdivision shall be deposited in the state's tax-exempt proceeds fund and used not later than sixty days after repayment to pay debt service on, including redemption, defeasance or purchase of, outstanding bonds of the state the interest on which is not included in gross income pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States, as from time to time amended.

Sec. 7. Subsection (d) of section 10-283 of the 2014 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

(d) No application for a school building project shall be accepted by the Commissioner of Education or the Commissioner of Administrative Services on or after July 1, 2002, unless the applicant has secured funding authorization for the local share of the project costs prior to application. The reimbursement percentage for a project covered by this subsection shall reflect the rates in effect during the fiscal year in which such local funding authorization is secured.

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Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 10-284 of the 2014 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

(a) The Commissioner of [Education] Administrative Services shall have authority to receive and review applications for state grants under this chapter, and [the Commissioner of Administrative Services shall have authority to review and] to approve any such application, or to disapprove any such application if (1) it does not comply with the requirements of the State Fire Marshal or the Department of Public Health, (2) it is not accompanied by a life-cycle cost analysis approved by the Commissioner of Administrative Services pursuant to section 16a-38, (3) it does not comply with the provisions of sections 10-290d, as amended by this act, and 10-291, (4) it does not meet (A) the standards or requirements established in regulations adopted in accordance with section 10-287c, or (B) school building categorization requirements described in section 10-283, as amended by this act, (5) the estimated construction cost exceeds the per square foot cost for schools established in regulations adopted by the Commissioner of Administrative Services for the county in which the project is proposed to be located, (6) on and after July 1, 2014, the application does not comply with the school safety infrastructure standards developed by the School Safety Infrastructure Council, pursuant to section 10-292r, as amended by this act, or (7) the Commissioner of Education determines that the proposed educational specifications for or theme of the project for which the applicant requests a state grant duplicates a program offered by a technical high school or an interdistrict magnet school in the same region.

Sec. 9. Subsection (a) of section 10-285a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

(a) The percentage of school building project grant money a local

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board of education may be eligible to receive, under the provisions of section 10-286, as amended by this act, shall be [determined] assigned by the Commissioner of Administrative Services in accordance with the percentage calculated by the Commissioner of Education as follows: (1) For grants approved pursuant to subsection (b) of section 10-283 for which application is made on and after July 1, 1991, and before July 1, 2011, (A) each town shall be ranked in descending order from one to one hundred sixty-nine according to such town's adjusted equalized net grand list per capita, as defined in section 10-261; and (B) based upon such ranking, a percentage of not less than twenty nor more than eighty shall be determined for each town on a continuous scale; and (2) for grants approved pursuant to subsection (b) of section 10-283 for which application is made on and after July 1, 2011, (A) each town shall be ranked in descending order from one to one hundred sixty-nine according to such town's adjusted equalized net grand list per capita, as defined in section 10-261, and (B) based upon such ranking, (i) a percentage of not less than ten nor more than seventy shall be determined for new construction or replacement of a school building for each town on a continuous scale, and (ii) a percentage of not less than twenty nor more than eighty shall be determined for renovations, extensions, code violations, roof replacements and major alterations of an existing school building and the new construction or replacement of a school building when a town or regional school district can demonstrate that a new construction or replacement is less expensive than a renovation, extension or major alteration of an existing school building for each town on a continuous scale.

Sec. 10. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 10-286 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

(1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, and each fiscal year thereafter, in the case of a new school plant, an extension of an existing

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school building or projects involving the major alteration of any existing building to be used for school purposes, the eligible percentage, as determined in section 10-285a, as amended by this act, of the result of multiplying together the number representing the highest projected enrollment, based on data acceptable to the Commissioner of [Education] Administrative Services, for such building during the eight-year period from the date a local or regional board of education files a notification of a proposed school building project with the Department of Administrative Services, the number of gross square feet per pupil determined by the Commissioner of [Education] Administrative Services to be adequate for the kind of educational program or programs intended, and the eligible cost of such project, divided by the gross square feet of such building, or the eligible percentage, as determined in section 10-285a, as amended by this act, of the eligible cost of such project, whichever is less;

Sec. 11. Subsection (c) of section 10-286 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

(c) In the computation of grants pursuant to this section for any school building project authorized by the General Assembly pursuant to section 10-283, as amended by this act, (1) after January 1, 1993, any maximum square footage per pupil limit established pursuant to this chapter or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to this chapter shall be increased by twenty-five per cent for a building constructed prior to 1950; (2) after January 1, 2004, any maximum square footage per pupil limit established pursuant to this chapter or any regulation adopted by the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to this chapter shall be increased by up to one per cent to accommodate a heating, ventilation or air conditioning system, if needed; (3) for the period from July 1, 2006, to June 30, 2009, inclusive, for projects with

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total authorized project costs greater than ten million dollars, if total construction change orders or other change directives otherwise eligible for grant assistance under this chapter exceed five per cent of the authorized total project cost, only fifty per cent of the amount of such change order or other change directives in excess of five per cent shall be eligible for grant assistance; and (4) after July 1, 2009, for projects with total authorized project costs greater than ten million dollars, if total construction change orders or other change directives otherwise eligible for grant assistance exceed five per cent of the total authorized project cost, such change order or other change directives in excess of five per cent shall be ineligible for grant assistance.

Sec. 12. Section 10-290d of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

Any municipality, with the approval of the Commissioner of [Education] Administrative Services, may convey any type of interest in air space over land used for school purposes to a private developer for residential or commercial uses or to a quasi-municipal or public nonmunicipal corporation. Said conveyance shall be made upon the recommendation of the chief executive officer with the approval of the legislative body of the municipality.

Sec. 13. Subsection (a) of section 10-292q of the 2014 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) There is established a School Building Projects Advisory Council. The council shall consist of: (1) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the secretary's designee, (2) the Commissioner of Administrative Services, or the commissioner's designee, (3) the Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee, and ~~[(3)]~~ (4) three members appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be a person with experience in school building project matters, one of

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whom shall be a person with experience in architecture and one of whom shall be a person with experience in engineering. The chairperson of the council shall be the Commissioner of Administrative Services, or the commissioner's designee. A person employed by the Department of Administrative Services who is responsible for school building projects shall serve as the administrative staff of the council. The council shall meet at least quarterly to discuss matters relating to school building projects.

Sec. 14. Section 40 of public act 13-243 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of [Construction] Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-283 requiring a completed grant application be submitted prior to June 30, 2012, a facility purchase and extension and alteration project for R.J. Kinsella Magnet School (Project Number TMP-064-VQRQ) in the town of Hartford with costs not to exceed [thirty] thirty-three million dollars shall be included in subdivision (1) of section 1 of [this act] public act 13-243 and shall subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state, provided the town of Hartford files an application for a school building project prior to June 30, [2014] 2015, meets all other provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of [Construction] Administrative Services pursuant to said chapter 173 and is eligible for grant assistance pursuant to said chapter 173.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-264h of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of [Construction] Administrative Services concerning the reimbursement rate for the construction of interdistrict magnet schools, the town of Hartford may use ninety-five per cent as the

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reimbursement rate for the facility purchase and extension and alteration project of an interdistrict magnet facility (Project Number TMP-064-VQRQ) at the R.J. Kinsella Magnet School.

Sec. 15. Subsection (d) of section 3 of public act 13-243 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(d) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or any special act, charter or ordinance providing that binding contracts not be entered into, or bonds issued, that exceed the approved appropriation, the town of Berlin may enter into binding contracts for the extension and alteration and roof replacement project (Project Number 007-0065 EA/RR) at Berlin High School that exceed such approved appropriation, and issue bonds to fund the town's net project costs, provided such binding contracts or bond issues do not exceed such approved appropriation by more than fifteen million dollars, and provided further that the [legislative body] town council of the town of Berlin shall approve such additional appropriation on or before June 30, 2014.

Sec. 16. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-283 requiring that no project that has changed in scope or cost to the degree determined by the commissioner shall be eligible for reimbursement under this chapter unless it appears on the school construction priority list to be considered by the General Assembly in the 2014 regular legislative session, project costs for the renovation and extension project at Kelly Middle School (Project Number 104-0112 RNV/E) may be increased to forty-one million two hundred fifty thousand dollars and shall be eligible for reimbursement under the provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes.

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(b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or any special act, charter or ordinance providing that binding contracts not be entered into, or bonds issued, that exceed the approved appropriation, the town of Norwich may enter into binding contracts for the renovation and extension project (Project Number 104-0112 RNV/E) at Kelly Middle School that exceed such approved appropriation, and issue bonds to fund the town's net project costs, provided such binding contracts or bond issues do not exceed such approved appropriation by more than one million dollars, and provided further that the city council of the town of Norwich shall approve such additional appropriation on or before June 30, 2015.

Sec. 17. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-283 requiring that no project that has changed in scope or cost to the degree determined by the commissioner shall be eligible for reimbursement under this chapter unless it appears on the school construction priority list to be considered by the General Assembly in the 2014 regular legislative session, project costs for the renovation and extension project at Wethersfield High School (Project Number 159-0100 RNV/E) may be increased to eighty-three million seven hundred ninety-four thousand seven hundred nine dollars and shall be eligible for reimbursement under the provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes.

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or any special act, charter or ordinance providing that binding contracts not be entered into, or bonds issued, that exceed the approved appropriation, the town of Wethersfield may enter into binding contracts for the renovation and extension project (Project Number 159-0100 RNV/E) at Wethersfield High School that exceed such

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approved appropriation, and issue bonds to fund the town's net project costs, provided such binding contracts or bond issues do not exceed such approved appropriation by more than ten million dollars, and provided further that the town council of the town of Wethersfield shall approve such additional appropriation on or before June 30, 2015.

Sec. 18. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-283 requiring that no project that has changed in scope or cost to the degree determined by the commissioner shall be eligible for reimbursement under this chapter unless it appears on the school construction priority list to be considered by the General Assembly in the 2014 regular legislative session, project costs for the extension and alteration and roof replacement project at Rocky Hill High School (Project Number 119-0049 EA/RR) may be increased to fifty million dollars and shall be eligible for reimbursement under the provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes.

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or any special act, charter or ordinance providing that binding contracts not be entered into, or bonds issued, that exceed the approved appropriation, the town of Rocky Hill may enter into binding contracts for the extension and alteration and roof replacement project (Project Number 119-0049 EA/RR) at Rocky Hill High School that exceed such approved appropriation, and issue bonds to fund the town's net project costs, provided such binding contracts or bond issues do not exceed such approved appropriation by more than five million forty-five thousand dollars, and provided further that the town council of the town of Rocky Hill shall approve such additional appropriation on or before June 30, 2015.

Sec. 19. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of

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section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services concerning eligible costs for school building grant reimbursement, architectural design costs of the previously designed Engineering and Science University Magnet School near the University of New Haven in West Haven (Project Number 093-0357 MAG/NEW) shall be considered eligible for grant assistance reimbursement, provided such reimbursement does not exceed previously authorized grant amounts.

Sec. 20. Section 226 of public act 12-1 of the June special session is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of [Construction] Administrative Services under said chapter 173 requiring a completed grant application be submitted prior to June 30, 2011, and prohibiting reimbursement for costs associated with the construction of outdoor athletic facilities, a new construction project for Bowen Field in New Haven with costs not to exceed eleven million dollars shall be included in subdivision (1) of section 1 of public act 12-179, provided a complete grant application is submitted prior to June 30, 2013. Such building project shall be eligible for a reimbursement rate of sixty-eight and ninety-three-hundredths per cent.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted under said chapter, the town of New Haven is authorized to illuminate the athletic fields at Bowen Field in an amount not to exceed six hundred thousand dollars and shall be subsequently eligible for school construction grant assistance provided a completed grant application is submitted to the Department of [Construction] Administrative Services prior to June 30,

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2013. The full cost of the illumination project shall be deemed eligible costs for the purpose of grant calculation. The grant for construction assistance shall be calculated using the same rate of reimbursement as assigned to school building projects for the town of New Haven.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said chapter, the town of New Haven may use any private, federal or state funds, other than grants received under said chapter, for the purpose of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) removal for the projects described in subsections (a) and (b) of this section, provided the reimbursement received from such other grants related to such removal of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) shall be deducted from the total project costs eligible for grant assistance under said chapter.

Sec. 21. *(Effective from passage)* Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, requiring a completed grant application be submitted prior to June 30, 2013, a new construction project for the Strong 21<sup>st</sup> Century Communications Magnet School and Laboratory in the town of New Haven with costs not to exceed forty-five million dollars shall be included in subdivision (1) of section 1 of this act and shall subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state with a reimbursement percentage of seventy-nine and twenty-nine hundredths, provided the town of New Haven files an application for a school building project prior to June 30, 2015, meets all other provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes and is eligible for grant assistance pursuant to chapter 173 of the general statutes.

Sec. 22. *(Effective from passage)* Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-286 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any

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regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services concerning ineligible costs, ineligible costs for the new construction project at the John C. Daniels School (Project Number 093-0306 N) and the extension and alteration project at the Beecher School (Project Number 093-0345 EA) may be subject to the waiver authority of the Commissioner of Administrative Services pursuant to section 10-264h of the general statutes.

Sec. 23. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-286d of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services concerning a site acquisition grant, the town of Shelton shall not be responsible for returning any portion of a site acquisition grant already paid to the town prior to the effective date of this section based on the site acquisition costs reported to the Department of Administrative Services by the town of Shelton for the new construction project (Project Number 126-0074 N) at the Shelton Intermediate School, and the Department of Administrative Services shall not be responsible for making any further grant payments to the town of Shelton for such project.

Sec. 24. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 10-286 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services concerning projected enrollment for a school building project for purposes of calculating eligible costs for a school building project grant, the town of Weston may use seven hundred seventy-six as its projected enrollment figure for the new construction project (Project Number 157-0042 N) at the New Intermediate School.

Sec. 25. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-287 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services

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requiring that all orders and contracts for school building projects be awarded to the lowest responsible qualified bidder only after a public invitation to bid, the town of Union shall be reimbursed for eligible project costs for a new construction project at Union Elementary School (Project Number 145-0006 N).

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-286 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services concerning eligible costs, costs incurred by the town of Union for offsite improvements as part of the new construction project (Project Number 145-0006 N) at Union Elementary School shall be treated as eligible project costs.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-286 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services concerning the submission of change orders, costs for change orders submitted on or before January 11, 2011, for the new construction project (Project Number 145-0006 N) at Union Elementary School in the town of Union shall be treated as eligible project costs.

Sec. 26. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (d) of section 10-286 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-286 requiring all change orders or other change directives issued on or after July 1, 2008, to be submitted not later than six months after the date of such issuance, the town of Montville may submit change orders issued after such six-month time limit for the project at Montville High School (Project Number 086-0085 EA) for reimbursement of eligible costs from the state, provided change orders have been reviewed and approved the Department of Administrative Services.

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Sec. 27. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-292 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services requiring that a bid not be let out until plans and specifications have been approved by the Department of Administrative Services, the town of Montville may let out for bid and award contracts for communications and playground equipment for the extension and alteration project (Project Number 086-0087 EA) at Murphy Elementary School and shall be eligible to subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state, provided plans and specifications have been approved by the Department of Administrative Services.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-287 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services requiring that all orders and contracts for school building projects be awarded to the lowest responsible qualified bidder only after a public invitation to bid, the town of Montville shall be reimbursed for eligible project costs for a new construction project at Murphy Elementary School (Project Number 086-0087 EA).

Sec. 28. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-283 requiring that no project that has changed in scope or cost to the degree determined by the commissioner shall be eligible for reimbursement under this chapter unless it appears on the school construction priority list to be considered by the General Assembly in the 2014 regular legislative session, project costs for the extension and alteration project at West Haven High School (Project Number 156-0138 EA) may be increased to one hundred thirty-two million six hundred thirty-nine

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thousand dollars and shall be deemed to have been authorized by the legislature.

Sec. 29. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-286 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulations adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-286 concerning the calculation of grants using the state standard space specifications, the town of East Hartford shall be exempt from the state standard space specifications for the purpose of the calculation of the grant for the alteration and energy conservation project at the East Hartford Middle School (Project Number 043-0236 A/EC).

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-286 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-286 concerning ineligible costs for a school building project grant, costs incurred by the town of East Hartford for exterior wall construction as part of the alteration and energy conservation project at the East Hartford Middle School (Project Number 043-0236 A/EC) shall be treated as eligible costs. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (a) of this section, the provisions of chapter 173 shall apply to all other costs incurred for such project.

Sec. 30. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 10-286 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services concerning projected enrollment for a school building project for purposes of calculating eligible costs for a school building project grant, the town of Bloomfield may use seven hundred fourteen as its projected enrollment figure for the extension and alteration and roof replacement project (Project Number 011-0077 EA/RR) at Bloomfield High School.

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Sec. 31. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 10-286 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services concerning projected enrollment for a school building project for purposes of calculating eligible costs for a school building project grant, the town of Bloomfield may use seven hundred ten as its projected enrollment figure for the alteration and roof replacement project (Project Number 011-0075 A/RR) at Carmen Arace Middle School.

Sec. 32. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 10-286 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services concerning projected enrollment for a school building project for purposes of calculating eligible costs for a school building project grant, the town of Bloomfield may use four hundred forty-four as its projected enrollment figure for the extension and alteration and roof replacement project (Project Number 011-0076 EA/RR) at Laurel School.

Sec. 33. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 10-286 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services concerning projected enrollment for a school building project for purposes of calculating eligible costs for a school building project grant, the town of Bloomfield may use three hundred forty-two as its projected enrollment figure for the extension and alteration (Project Number 011-0078 EA) at Metacomet Elementary School.

Sec. 34. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-286 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any

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regulations adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-286 concerning the calculation of grants using the state standard space specifications, the town of Clinton shall be exempt from the state standard space specifications for the purpose of the calculation of the grant for the new construction project at the Morgan School (Project Number 027-0061 N).

Sec. 35. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-283 requiring that the description of a project type for a school building project be made at the time of application for a school building project grant, the town of Plainville may expand the description of the extension and alteration project (Project Number 110-0057 EA) at Linden Street School to include demolition costs not to exceed two million four hundred thousand dollars.

Sec. 36. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-292 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services requiring that a bid not be let out until plans and specifications have been approved by the Department of Administrative Services, the town of New London may let out for bid on and award contracts for rooftop equipment, chiller enclosure and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) removal as part of the extension and alteration project of an interdistrict magnet facility Project (Project Number 095-0085 MAG/EA) at Nathan Hale Magnet School and shall be eligible for reimbursement, provided plans and specifications have been approved by the Department of Administrative Services.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (4) of subsection (c) of section 10-286 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or

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any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services limiting the amount of grant assistance for a project when the total eligible construction change orders or other change directives exceed five per cent of the authorized total project cost to fifty per cent of the amount of such change order or other change directive in excess of five per cent, the town of New London shall be reimbursed at the project's reimbursement rate for the full eligible costs of construction change orders or other change directives for the extension and alteration project of an interdistrict magnet facility Project (Project Number 095-0085 MAG/EA) at Nathan Hale Magnet School.

Sec. 37. Section 30 of public act 07-249, as amended by section 23 of public act 07-3 of the June special session, section 104 of public act 11-57 and section 19 of public act 12-179, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of title 10 of the general statutes, a local or regional school district that is a (1) district for a town (A) with a population greater than twenty thousand, but not more than thirty thousand, and (B) that is less than six square miles in area, in which at least fifty per cent of the property is exempt from taxation pursuant to chapter 203 of the general statutes, and (2) priority school district pursuant to section 10-266p of the general statutes shall qualify as an interdistrict magnet district.

(b) (1) The Commissioner of Education may designate [as many as two] schools under the jurisdiction of such district as interdistrict magnet schools for the purposes of section 10-264h of the general statutes, provided the district submits a plan to the commissioner detailing how the district will meet the enrollment requirements provided for in subdivision (2) of this subsection and the commissioner deems such plan reasonable. [The total grant amount for projects for both schools shall not be more than ten million dollars

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more than the grant amount such district would have otherwise received for such projects pursuant to the provisions of section 10-286 of the general statutes.] No school in such district shall be eligible to receive a grant pursuant to subsection (c) of section 10-264l of the general statutes, unless such school operates as an "interdistrict magnet school program", as defined in subsection (a) of said section 10-264l, and meets the district-wide enrollment requirements pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection.

(2) Not later than three years after the reopening of the schools of the interdistrict magnet school district following school construction projects for such schools, reimbursed at the rate provided for in section 10-264h of the general statutes, the local or regional board of education of such district shall, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, report to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education on the progress of such district in enrolling students from other school districts. If such district does not, on or before June 30, [2015] 2017, enroll students from other districts at a rate that is at least fifteen per cent of its total district-wide enrollment, such district shall be liable to the state for repayment of the amount representing the difference between the school building project grant received pursuant to this section and section 10-264h of the general statutes, and the grant such district would have otherwise received for such projects pursuant to the provisions of section 10-286 of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

(3) For purposes of this subsection, "district-wide enrollment" means the total number of students enrolled in the New London public schools.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, [as amended by public act 07-249,] or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education requiring a

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completed grant application be submitted prior to June 30, 2006, or subsection (d) of section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the board requiring local funding authorization for the local share of project costs prior to application, the projects for the local or regional school district that qualifies as an interdistrict magnet school district under subsection (a) of this section shall be included in subdivision (1) of section 1 of public act 07-249, provided the school district secures the funding authorization for the local share and files a completed grant application prior to June 30, 2008, and meets all other provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education, except as provided for in this section.

(d) Any school so designated by the commissioner as a magnet school under this section that enrolls less than twenty-five per cent of the school's students from a town outside of the school district in which such school is located shall be eligible to receive a per pupil grant, pursuant to subsection (c) of section 10-264~~l~~ of the general statutes, for each enrolled student who is not a resident of the town in which such school is located.

Sec. 38. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, requiring a completed grant application be submitted prior to June 30, 2013, an interdistrict magnet facility project for the New London Magnet School for the Visual and Performing Arts in the town of New London with costs not to exceed thirty-one million dollars shall be included in subdivision (1) of section 1 of this act and shall subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state, provided the town of New London files an application for a school building project prior to June 30, 2015, meets

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all other provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes and is eligible for grant assistance pursuant to chapter 173 of the general statutes, except that the Commissioner of Administrative Services may waive any requirements in such chapter for good cause.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-264h of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services concerning the reimbursement rate for the construction of interdistrict magnet schools, the town of New London may use ninety-five per cent as the reimbursement rate for the interdistrict magnet facility project at the New London Magnet School for the Visual and Performing Arts, provided the board of education for New London, the board of directors for the Garde Arts Center and the Commissioners of Education and Administrative Services enter into a memorandum of understanding establishing the parameters in which the New London Magnet School for the Visual and Performing Arts shall operate as an interdistrict magnet school.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services, the town of New London may use any private, federal or state grants, other than grants received pursuant to chapter 173 of the general statutes, as the local share of the project costs for the interdistrict magnet facility project at the New London Magnet School for the Visual and Performing Arts, and such funds shall not be deducted from the grant received under chapter 173 of the general statutes.

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-286 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services concerning eligible costs, costs incurred for reasonable and necessary construction to the Garde Arts Center shall be included in the

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interdistrict magnet facility project at the New London Magnet School for the Visual and Performing Arts and shall be considered eligible for reimbursement at the reimbursement percentage for such interdistrict magnet facility project.

(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-286 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulations adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to section 10-286 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, concerning the calculation of grants using the state standard space specifications, the town of New London shall be exempt from the state standard space specifications for the purpose of the calculation of the grant for the interdistrict magnet facility project at the New London Magnet School for the Visual and Performing Arts.

Sec. 39. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-286 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services concerning ineligible costs for a school building project grant, all project costs, except interest costs, incurred for the extension and alteration project at the Multicultural Magnet School (Project Number 245-0084 MAG/E) shall be treated as eligible project costs and LEARN shall be responsible for the repayment of any grant payments for interest costs.

Sec. 40. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of section 1 of this act, the town of Putnam may use seventy-three and twenty-one hundredths per cent as the reimbursement rate for all projects that appear on the school construction priority list to be considered by the General Assembly in the 2014 regular legislative session.

Sec. 41. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any

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regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-283 limiting the number of times a project may be submitted to the legislature for authorization due to a change in cost or scope, or requiring that no such project that has changed in scope or cost to the degree determined by the commissioner shall be eligible for reimbursement under this chapter unless it appears on the school construction priority list to be considered by the General Assembly in the 2014 regular legislative session, the change in cost and scope required to provide expanded furniture, furnishings, equipment and technology equipment for the new construction project (Project Number 163-0071 MAG/N) at the Windham Magnet School shall be included in subdivision (2) of section 1 of this act, provided evidence of local legislative approval of the local share of funding is submitted prior to June 30, 2014, and further provided the total revised project cost shall not exceed forty-two million dollars.

Sec. 42. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-283 requiring that the description of a project type for a school building project be made at the time of application for a school building project grant or the provisions of subdivision (18) of section 10-282 of the general statutes, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-282, the town of Hartford may change the description of the alteration, roof replacement and energy conservation project (Project Number 064-0307 A/RR/EC) at Weaver High School to a renovation project and subsequently qualify as renovation projects, as defined in subdivision (18) of section 10-282 of the general statutes.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-286 of the general

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statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulations adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-286 concerning the calculation of grants using the state standard space specifications, the town of Hartford shall be exempt from the state standard space specifications for the purpose of the calculation of the grant for the alteration, roof replacement and energy conservation project at Weaver High School (Project Number 064-0307 A/RR/EC).

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 10-286 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services limiting reimbursement to one-half of the eligible percentage of the net eligible cost of construction to a town for construction, extension or major alteration of an athletic facility, gymnasium or auditorium, the town of Hartford shall receive full reimbursement of the eligible percentage of the net eligible cost of the alteration, roof replacement and energy conservation project at Weaver High School (Project Number 064-0307 A/RR/EC).

Sec. 43. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 10-286 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-286 concerning the number of gross square feet per pupil determined to be adequate for the kind of educational program or programs intended, the town of West Hartford may use eighty-six thousand eight hundred seventy-seven square feet as the maximum square footage for the new construction project (Project Number 155-0239 DV/N) at Charter Oak International Academy for purposes of calculating eligible costs for a school project grant.

Sec. 44. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-286 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any

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regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services, the town of Bridgeport shall not be responsible for returning any portion of a school building project grant already paid to the town for any project in which an audit was completed on or before June 30, 2013, and the Department of Administrative Services shall not be responsible for making any further grant payments to the town of Bridgeport for such projects.

Sec. 45. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-286 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services concerning eligible costs for alteration projects, the town of Middletown may be reimbursed for replacement furniture and equipment items with costs not to exceed three hundred seventy-one thousand five hundred forty-seven dollars as part of the alteration and roof replacement project (Project Number 083-0105 A/RR) at the Lawrence Elementary School.

Sec. 46. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of section 10-264h of the general statutes, subparagraph (D) of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, section 10-286d of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services, site acquisition by a related limited liability company shall be an eligible expenditure for the Goodwin College Early Childhood Magnet School (Project Number 542-0002 MAG/N), provided such limited liability company conveys the site to Goodwin College. Such conveyance may be in the form of a lease for a term of not less than twenty years. All other provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes relating to eligibility for reimbursement of site acquisition costs shall remain applicable to such project.

Sec. 47. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of

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subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 10-264h of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services concerning reimbursement to the state by a school district when a school building ceases to be used as an interdistrict magnet school, the Area Cooperative Educational Services (ACES) shall not be responsible for reimbursing the state in an amount received pursuant to section 10-264h of the general statutes and the amount the district would have been eligible to receive based on the percentage determined pursuant to section 10-285a of the general statutes, as amended by this act, multiplied by the estimated eligible project costs for the extension and alteration project at the Collaborative Alternative Magnet School (Project Number 244-0026 MAG/EA).

Sec. 48. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 10-283 and 10-286d of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, requiring that the estimated total project costs be made at the time of application for a school building project grant, the Capitol Region Education Council may increase the costs associated with site or site and facility acquisition such that the total estimated project costs are increased for the Museum Academy (Project Number 241-0101) to thirty-three million two hundred sixty-one thousand dollars.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Construction Services pursuant to section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, limiting the number of times a project may be submitted to the legislature for authorization due to a change in cost or scope, or requiring that no such project that has changed in scope or cost to the

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degree determined by the commissioner shall be eligible for reimbursement under this chapter unless it appears on such list, the change in cost and scope identified in subsections (a) of this section shall be deemed to have been authorized by the legislature and shall not be considered when determining the number of times the project is submitted for authorization by either the Department of Education or the Department of Administrative Services.

Sec. 49. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 10-286 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services concerning projected enrollment for a school building project for purposes of calculating eligible costs for a school building project grant, the town of Windsor Locks may use six hundred as its projected enrollment figure for the alteration project (Project Number TMP-165-HXCW) at Windsor Locks High School.

Sec. 50. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (d) of section 10-286 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-286 requiring all change orders or other change directives issued on or after July 1, 2008, to be submitted not later than six months after the date of such issuance, the town of Hartford may submit change orders issued after such six-month time limit for the project at R.J. Kinsella Magnet School (Project Number 064-0292 MAG/E) for reimbursement of eligible costs from the state, provided change orders have been reviewed and approved by the Department of Administrative Services.

Sec. 51. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (d) of section 10-286 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-286 requiring all

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change orders or other change directives issued on or after July 1, 2008, to be submitted not later than six months after the date of such issuance, the town of Hartford may submit change orders issued after such six-month time limit for the project at Capitol Preparatory Magnet School (Project Number 064-0290 MAG/EA) for reimbursement of eligible costs from the state, provided change orders have been reviewed and approved by the Department of Administrative Services.

Sec. 52. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (d) of section 10-286 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-286 requiring all change orders or other change directives issued on or after July 1, 2008, to be submitted not later than six months after the date of such issuance, the town of Hartford may submit change orders issued after such six-month time limit for the project at Fisher Magnet School (Project Number 064-0291 MAG/EA) for reimbursement of eligible costs from the state, provided change orders have been reviewed and approved by the Department of Administrative Services.

Sec. 53. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (d) of section 10-286 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-286 requiring all change orders or other change directives issued on or after July 1, 2008, to be submitted not later than six months after the date of such issuance, the town of Hartford may submit change orders issued after such six-month time limit for the project at Environmental Sciences Magnet School at Mary Hooker (Project Number 064-0293 MAG/EA) for reimbursement of eligible costs from the state, provided change orders have been reviewed and approved by the Department of Administrative Services.

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